

“30 min of tears” Format

- 3 days of regular racing (no points carried into finals)
- Top 8 boats after the 3 days advance to the final day:
- **Race 1:** Top 8 boats race and boats finishing 7 and 8 are eliminated
- **Race 2:** Top 6 boats race and Boats 5 and 6 are eliminated
- **Race 3:** Final 4 boats race for the podium
- **Winner** is the **first to cross the finish line**

Strenghts:

- **Clear winner** moment at the finish line
- **A good number of boats** (8) involved in the final stages racing all together.
- **Clear final duration** of racing 3 races.

Weaknesses:

- **No reward for consistent performance** across the week – not very merit-based
- **The first two races offer no positive outcomes**, only tears and eliminations. There are no points gained, no celebration, making them feel flat and emotionally unrewarding for both sailors and spectators.